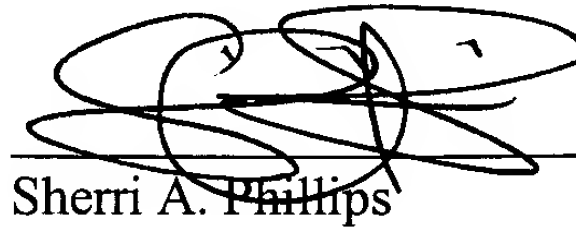


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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Advisory Action dated December 1, 2006, and herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a one-month extension of time for filing this response from December 7, 2006, to January 7, 2007.

Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$910, which includes \$120 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.